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Mr. Hazen Blodgett, Town Manager
Town of Matthews
232 Matthews Station Street
Matthews, NC 28105

RE: NCDOT STIP Project U-4714: Updated Traffic Analysis Request

Dear Mr. Blodgett,

I am writing in response to your August 16th, 2017 letter expressing concern for the lack of inclusion of certain roadway projects in the original Traffic Forecast that was completed for TIP# U-4714 – East John Street Widening Project. The Traffic Analysis for the U-4714 project did not include currently proposed improvements to US 74 that would be constructed under (U-2509) or the proposed McKee Road Extension (U-4713A) between Pleasant Plains Road and East John Street. Neither of these projects were funded at the time the Traffic Forecast work was performed for U-4714.

Following our July 31st, 2017 public meeting, we received numerous comments from the public requesting that NCDOT update the Traffic Analysis to include the funded projects along both US 74 and McKee Road. Citing the Town's August 16th, 2017 letter and the comments received from the public, NCDOT is updating the Traffic Analysis for the U-4714 East John Street project to include all roadway projects in the Matthews area that are funded at this time. As the 2018-2027 STIP was approved last month, significant additional projects will not be funded for another two years.

Once the results of the updated Traffic Forecast and Analysis are complete, the NCDOT will continue to partner with the Town to ensure the design meets the purpose and need of the project to improve traffic mobility and safety, as well as enhance pedestrian accommodations in Matthews while accommodating the preferences of the community.

Sincerely,

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